



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> Update

**District: Aroostook**

**Date: June 17, 2010**

Last DCC meeting conducted June 17, 2010. Next DCC meeting scheduled to occur 9/16/2010.

Short term goal of beginning district health improvement planning, including reviewing the EPHS chosen by the DCC in past sessions to frame the next steps of sector identification as well as service gap identification.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- District Health Improvement Plan planning documents, including the LPHSA draft report and subsequent prioritization and the District Performance Report provided and frequently referenced so that future action steps are consistent with the State's vision for a healthier Aroostook as well as the district needs for infrastructure and population health.
- Identify community/organization sectors that provide health education and promotion, health communication, existing or potential partnership opportunities, and linkage to personal health services. Also, begin identification of service gaps and preliminary inventory of programs/projects already being undertaken that positively impact the PQI/PHI identified in the Call to Action.
- Convene identified sectors in order to more fully inventory activities occurring at the District level which impact the Preventive Health Indicators (PHIs)
- Develop specific, measureable, achievable, relevant, and timely action steps to include in the plan as a result of these meetings through the summer and early fall.
- Continue to refine subcommittee status and membership – beginning with the nominating committee. Firm up membership attendance requirements as well as reiterating the need for a defined alternate.

Organizations represented at meeting(s):

Healthy Maine Partnerships  
Hospitals  
Mental Health / Substance Abuse Agency  
Community Action Program  
Aroostook Red Cross  
Me CDC, Epidemiology  
Me CDC, Public Health Nursing  
Tribal Liaison  
Community Representative  
Maine Primary Care Association  
Northern Maine Community Recreation Association

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

The Healthy Maine Partnership conducted a MAPP themes identification session. Input was sought from this group about the DHIP as well. Beyond the representation at the DCC, the following agencies/groups contributed:

U Maine cooperative Extension  
EMA  
EMS  
Northern Maine Community College